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Applicant				
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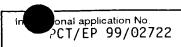


INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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16363PC RUU	ACTION	/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.			
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	of a total of6sheets. a copy of each prior art document cited in this	s report.			
Basis of the report With regard to the language, the in-	:-AAi	and the second of the second o			
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2. Certain claims were foun	nd unsearchable (See Box I).				
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1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).
Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)
This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
see additional sheet
As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: See FURTHER INFORMATION sheet, subject 1.
Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest. No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

1. Claims: 1-12 (partial)

INVENTION 1:

Method for the screening of antimycotic substances wherein an essential gene from mycetes, or a functionally similar mycete gene, or the corresponding encoded protein, is used as a target, and wherein the essential gene is YML114c.

2. Claims: 1-12 (partial)

INVENTION 2 to INVENTION 90: Method for the screening of antimycotic substances wherein an essential gene from mycetes, or a functionally similar mycete gene, or the corresponding encoded protein, is used as a target, and wherein the essential gene is YLR186w, YLR215c, or YLR222c, ..., or YPR144c, or YPR169w.

Invention 2 refers to gene YLR186w, invention 3 refers to gene YLR215c,

invention 89 refers to gene YPR144c, and invention 90 refers to gene YPR169w.



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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC 6 C12Q1/68 C12Q C12Q1/18 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) IPC 6 C12Q Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used) C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages Relevant to claim No. WO 97 36925 A (SCRIPTGEN PHARM INC 1-7 Х ;HARVARD COLLEGE (US)) 9 October 1997 see the whole document Χ EP 0 816 511 A (HANS KNOELL INST FUER 1-7 NATURSTO) 7 January 1998 see the whole document 1-4,7,9, US 5 614 377 A (BULAWA CHRISTINE E) 25 Х March 1997 10 see the whole document 1 - 4Χ EP 0 626 453 A (AMERICAN CYANAMID CO) 30 November 1994 see the whole document -/--Patent family members are listed in annex. Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Х Special categories of cited documents: "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but "A" document defining the general state of the lart which is not cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the considered to be of particular relevance invention "E" earlier document but published on or after the international "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to filing date involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified) "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such docu-"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or ments, such combination being obvious to a person skilled other means in the art. *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed "&" document member of the same patent family Date of the actual completion of the international search Date of mailing of the international search report

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16363PC F	FOR FURTHER ACTION Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)					
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2. This RI	EPO	RT consists of a total of	f 7 sheets, including this o	cover sheet.		
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3. This re			lating to the following item	S:		
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III S Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability						
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VII			international application			
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4.	Ado	litional observation	s, if necessary:
111.	Nor	n-establishment o	of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
			e claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), cable have not been examined in respect of:
		the entire internat	ional application.
	Ø	claims Nos. 1-12	(part).
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			onal application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does emational preliminary examination (specify):

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		the description, claims or drawings (indicate particular elements below) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):
		the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
	\boxtimes	no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. 1-12 (part).
IV	. Lac	ck of unity of invention
1.	In r	esponse to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:
		restricted the claims.
		paid additional fees.
		paid additional fees under protest.
		neither restricted nor paid additional fees.
2.	Ø	This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.
3.	Thi	s Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is
		complied with.
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		see separate sheet
4.		nsequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary Imination in establishing this report:
		all parts.
	\boxtimes	the parts relating to claims Nos. 1-12 (part).

- V. R asoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, invintive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- 1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes:

Claims 1-12

No:

Claims

Inventive step (IS)

Yes:

Claims

No: Yes: Claims 1-12

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-12

No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY Inter EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET

Re Item III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The international search report was restricted to this part of the application which relates to a method for screening of antimycotic substances wherein an essential gene from mycetes, or a functionally similar mycete gene, or a corresponding encoded protein is used as a target, and wherein the essential gene is YML114c.

Re Item IV Lack of unity of invention

The objection indicated on form 210 dated 08.11.99 submitted by the International Searching Authority is confirmed. Each of the essential mycetes genes listed in claim 1 as YML114c, YLR186w, YLR215c, ..., YPR144c, and YPR169w represent an independent solution of the underlying problem which could be regarded as to provide further essential mycete genes/proteins suitable as targets in a method for screening of antimycotic/fungicide substances

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO 97 36925 A (SCRIPTGEN PHARM INC ;HARVARD COLLEGE (US)) 9 October 1997

D2: EP-A-0 816 511 (HANS KNOELL INST FUER NATURSTO) 7 January 1998

D3: US-A-5 614 377 (BULAWA CHRISTINE E) 25 March 1997

D4: EP-A-0 626 453 (AMERICAN CYANAMID CO) 30 November 1994

D5: EP-A-0 554 042 (DOWELANCO) 4 August 1993

D6: WO 95 11969 A (RIBOGENE INC) 4 May 1995

Document D1 discloses methods for screening for inhibitors of C. albicans growth by targeting the TATA-binding protein.

Document D2 discloses a method of finding novel antifungal drugs which inhibit essential yeast genes (i.e. acetyl-CoA carboxylase) without knowledge of the biological function of the targets.

Document D3 discloses a method for identifying inhibitors of fungal pathogenicity relying on the use of defined genes and mutant strains of Saccharomyces cerevisiae, specifically referring to the CSD2 gene from C. albicans which is a homolog of the corresponding Saccharomyces cerevisiae gene CSD2.

Document D4 discloses a method for screening for potential fungicides that inhibit cytochrome P450 reductase or reductase related enzymes or proteins involved in its biosynthesis.

Document D5 discloses a method for screening fungicides by testing candidate compounds in a dihydroorotate dehydrogenase (DHOD) inhibition assay.

Document D6 discloses screening methods for identification of antimycotic agents active in mycotic cell translation, based on a reporter gene system associated with a CN4type gene from Saccharomyces cerevisiae.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is distinguished from the cited prior art in that the gene YML114c is used as a target. However, as the gene as such was already known in the prior art and methods for screening of antimycotic substances based upon the functional inhibition/targeting of the expression of essential mycetes genes, or the corresponding encoded proteins, was also known in the art, see documents D1-D6, moreover, no surprising or unforeseeable effects are apparent from the application with respect to YML114c target gene, the subject-matter of claim 1 lacks an inventive step and does not fulfil the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.

EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET

Dependent claims 2-12 do not appear to contain any additional feature which could be regarded as inventive.

Re Item VI

Certain documents cited

Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

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WO98/44135	08.10.98	02.04.98	02.04.97

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

The wording "functionally similar gene" used in claims 1, 6, 7, 8 and 10 is not clear, as no function of YML114c was defined, furthermore, the wording "the corresponding encoded protein" used in claim 1 is not clear, as no particular protein of YML114c was defined in the application. The aforementioned claims do not fulfil the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

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the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does

not require an international preliminary examination (specify):

because:

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		the description, claims or drawings (indicate particular elements below) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):
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4.		nsequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary amination in establishing this report:
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- V. Reasoned statem nt und r Articl 35(2) with regard to novelty, inv ntiv step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- 1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes:

Claims 1-12

No:

Claims

Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims

No:

Claims 1-12

Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes:

Claims 1-12

No: Claims

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

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Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The international search report was restricted to this part of the application which relates to a method for screening of antimycotic substances wherein an essential gene from mycetes, or a functionally similar mycete gene, or a corresponding encoded protein is used as a target, and wherein the essential gene is YML114c.

Re Item IV

Lack of unity of invention

The objection indicated on form 210 dated 08.11.99 submitted by the International Searching Authority is confirmed. Each of the essential mycetes genes listed in claim 1 as YML114c, YLR186w, YLR215c, ..., YPR144c, and YPR169w represent an independent solution of the underlying problem which could be regarded as to provide further essential mycete genes/proteins suitable as targets in a method for screening of antimycotic/fungicide substances

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: WO 97 36925 A (SCRIPTGEN PHARM INC ;HARVARD COLLEGE (US)) 9 October 1997
- D2: EP-A-0 816 511 (HANS KNOELL INST FUER NATURSTO) 7 January 1998
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- D4: EP-A-0 626 453 (AMERICAN CYANAMID CO) 30 November 1994
- D5: EP-A-0 554 042 (DOWELANCO) 4 August 1993
- D6: WO 95 11969 A (RIBOGENE INC) 4 May 1995

Document D1 discloses methods for screening for inhibitors of C. albicans growth by targeting the TATA-binding protein.

Document D2 discloses a method of finding novel antifungal drugs which inhibit essential yeast genes (i.e. acetyl-CoA carboxylase) without knowledge of the biological function of the targets.

Document D3 discloses a method for identifying inhibitors of fungal pathogenicity relying on the use of defined genes and mutant strains of Saccharomyces cerevisiae, specifically referring to the CSD2 gene from C. albicans which is a homolog of the corresponding Saccharomyces cerevisiae gene CSD2.

Document D4 discloses a method for screening for potential fungicides that inhibit cytochrome P450 reductase or reductase related enzymes or proteins involved in its biosynthesis.

Document D5 discloses a method for screening fungicides by testing candidate compounds in a dihydroorotate dehydrogenase (DHOD) inhibition assay.

Document D6 discloses screening methods for identification of antimycotic agents active in mycotic cell translation, based on a reporter gene system associated with a CN4type gene from Saccharomyces cerevisiae.

The subject-matter of claim 1 is distinguished from the cited prior art in that the gene YML114c is used as a target. However, as the gene as such was already known in the prior art and methods for screening of antimycotic substances based upon the functional inhibition/targeting of the expression of essential mycetes genes, or the corresponding encoded proteins, was also known in the art, see documents D1-D6, moreover, no surprising or unforeseeable effects are apparent from the application with respect to YML114c target gene, the subject-matter of claim 1 lacks an inventive step and does not fulfil the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.



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Dependent claims 2-12 do not appear to contain any additional feature which could be regarded as inventive.

Re Item VI Certain documents cited

Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

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WO98/44135	08.10.98	02.04.98	02.04.97

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

The wording "functionally similar gene" used in claims 1, 6, 7, 8 and 10 is not clear, as no function of YML114c was defined, furthermore, the wording "the corresponding encoded protein" used in claim 1 is not clear, as no particular protein of YML114c was defined in the application. The aforementioned claims do not fulfil the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

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(57) Abstract

The present invention concerns a method for the screening of antimycotic substances wherein an essential gene from mycetes or a functionally similar mycete gene, or the corresponding encoded protein, is used as target and wherein the essential gene is selected from the group consisting in YML114c, YLR186w, YLR215c, YLR222c, YLR243w, YLR272c, YLR275w, YLR276c, YLR317w, YLR359w, YLR373c, YLR424w, YLR437c, YLR440c, YML023c, YML049c, YML077w, YML093w, YML127w, YMR032w, YMR093w, YMR131c, YMR185w, YMR212c, YMR213w, YMR218c, YMR281w, YMR288w, YMR290c, YMR211w, YMR049c, YMR134w, YDR196c, YDR299w, YDR365c, YDR396w, YDR407c, YDR416w, YDR449c, YDR472w, YDR499w, YDR141c, YDR324c, YDR325w, YDR398w, YDR246w, YDR236c, YDR361c, YDR367w, YDR339c, YDR413c, YDR429c, YDR468c, YDR489w, YDR527w, YDR288w, YDR201w, YDR434w, YDR181c, YDR531w, YPL126w, YPL093w, YPL063w, YPL024w, YPL020c, YPL012w, YPL007c, YPL233w, YPL146c, YIL091c, YIL083c, YIL019w, YIL109c, YIL104c, YFL024c, YFR003c, YFR027w, YFR042w, YIR010w, YIR015w, YPR048w, YPR072w, YPR082c, YPR085c, YPR105c, YPR112c, YPR137w, YPR143w, YPR144c and YPR169w.

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1. Claims: 1-12 (partial)

INVENTION 1: Method for the screening of antimycotic substances wherein an essential gene from mycetes, or a functionally similar mycete gene, or the corresponding encoded protein, is used as a target, and wherein the essential gene is YML114c.

2. Claims: 1-12 (partial)

INVENTION 2 to INVENTION 90: Method for the screening of antimycotic substances wherein an essential gene from mycetes, or a functionally similar mycete gene, or the corresponding encoded protein, is used as a target, and wherein the essential gene is YLR186w, YLR215c, or YLR222c, ..., or YPR144c, or YPR169w.

Invention 2 refers to gene YLR186w, invention 3 refers to gene YLR215c,

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The present invention concerns a method for the screening of antimycotic substances wherein an essential gene from mycetes or a functionally similar mycete gene, or the corresponding encoded protein, is used as target and wherein the essential gene is selected from the group consisting in YML114c, YLR186w, YLR215c, YLR222c, YLR243w, YLR272c, YLR275w, YLR276c, YLR317w, YLR359w, YLR373c, YLR424w, YLR437c, YLR440c, YML023c, YML049c, YML077w, YML093w, YML127w, YMR032w, YMR093w, YMR131c, YMR185w, YMR212c, YMR213w, YMR218c, YMR281w, YMR288w, YMR290c, YMR211w, YMR049c, YMR134w, YDR196c, YDR299w, YDR365c, YDR396w, YDR407c, YDR416w, YDR449c, YDR472w, YDR499w, YDR141c, YDR324c, YDR325w, YDR398w, YDR246w, YDR236c, YDR361c, YDR367w, YDR339c, YDR413c, YDR429c, YDR468c, YDR489w, YDR527w, YDR288w, YDR201w, YDR434w, YDR181c, YDR531w, YPL126w, YPL093w, YPL063w, YPL024w, YPL020c, YPL012w, YPL007c, YPL233w, YPL146c, YIL091c, YIL083c, YIL019w, YIL109c, YIL104c, YFL024c, YFR003c, YFR027w, YFR042w, YIR010w, YIR015w, YPR048w, YPR072w, YPR082c, YPR085c, YPR105c, YPR112c, YPR137w, YPR143w, YPR144c and YPR169w.

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The present invention relates to a method for screening for antimycotic substances in which essential genes from mycetes, particularly from Saccaromyces cerevisiae (S.cerevisiae) as well as functionally similar genes from other mycetes, or the corresponding encoded proteins, are used as targets.

The spectrum of known fungal infections stretches from fungal attack of skin or nails to potentially hazardous mycetic infections of the inner organs; Such infections and resulting diseases are known as mycosis.

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Antimycotic substances (fungistatic or fungicidal) are used for treatment of mycosis. However, up to now, relatively few substances with pharmacological effects are known, such as Amphotericin B, Nystatin, Pimaricin, Griseofulvin, Clotrimazole, 5-fluoro-cytosine Batraphene. The drug treatment of fungal infections is extremely difficult, in particular because both the host cells and the mycetes, are eukaryotic cells. Administration of drugs based on known antimycotic substances results therefore often in undesired side-effects, for example Amphotericin B has a nephrotoxic effect. Therefore, there is a strong need for pharmacologically efficient substances usable for the preparation of drugs, which are suitable for prophylactic treatments of immunodepressive states or for the treatment of an existing fungal infection. Furthermore, the substances should exhibit a specific spectrum of action in order to selectively inhibit the proliferation of mycetes without affecting the treated host organism.

The aim of the present invention is to provide a method for the identification of antimycotic substances. An essential feature of this method is that essential genes from mycetes are used as targets for the screening.

The present invention thus concerns a method for screening antimycotic substances wherein an essential gene

from mycetes or a functionally similar gene in another mycete, or the corresponding encoded protein, is used as target and wherein the essential wene is selected from the group consisting in YML114c, YLR186w, YLR215c, YLE222c, YLE243w, YLR270c, YLR275w, YLR276c, YLR317w, YLE359w, YLR373c, YLR424w, YLR437c, YLR440c, YML023c, YML049c, YML077w, YML093w, YML127w, YMR032w, YMR093w, YMR131c, YME185w, YMR212c, YMR213w, YMR118d, YMR281w, YMRD88w, YME1290c, YMEC11w, YME049c, YMF134w, YDR196c, YDR299w, YDRB65c, YDE396w, YDR416w, YDR449c, YDR472w, YDR407c, YDR499w, YDR141c, YDR324c, YDR325w, YDR398w, YDELL4 bw, TDR2360, YDR361c, TDR367w, YDR339d, YDR413c, YDR429d, YDR468c, YDR489w, TDR527w, YDRE88w, YDR201w, YDE434w, YDR181c, YDR531w, TPL126w, YPL093w, YPL063w, YPL024w, 15 YFL020c. YPLU12w, YPL007c. YFL.33w, YPL146c, VIL091c. WIL083d, WIL019w, MIL109d, MIL104d, MFL024d, YFR003c, YFR027w, TFE042w, YIROlûw, YIRO15w, YPR048w, TPRO70w, YPR082c, YPR085c, YPR105c, YPR112c, YPR137w, YPF.143w, YPE144c and YPR169w.

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According to one embodiment of the method of the invention mycete cells which express the essential gene, or .. functionally similar mycete gene, to a different level are incubated with the substance to be tested and the growth inhibiting effect of the substance is determined.

According to another embodiment, said target gene or the corresponding target gene encoded protein is contacted in vitro with the substance to be tested and the effect of the substance on the target is determined.

According to another embodiment, the screened 30 substances inhibit partially or totally the functional expression of the essential genes or the functional activity of the encoded proteins.

According to another embodiment, the mycete species are selected from the group comprising Basidiomycetes, Ascomycetes and Hyphomycetes.

According to another embodiment of the method of the invention said functional similar genes are essential genes from Candida Spp., preferably Candida albicans, or WO 99/55907 PCT/EP99/02722

from Aspergillus Spp., preferably from Aspergillus fumigatus.

According to a further embodiment of the above method said mycete cells are haploid S.cerevisiae cells.

According to a particular embodiment of the method of the invention the essential genes of S.cerevisiae are identified by integrating by homologous recombination a selection marker at the locus of the gene to be studied.

The present invention also concerns a method as described above wherein the functionally similar genes are identified by:

- a)providing a S.cerevisiae mutant strain in which the gene of S.cerevisiae to be investigated is either integrative or extrachromosomal under the control of a regulated promoter,
- b) culturing said mutant strain under growth conditions in which the regulated promoter is active,
- c)transforming the mutant strain with a cDNA or genomic DNA that has been prepared from the heterologous mycete-species and that has been integrated into an appropriate vector,
- d)altering the culture condition, so that the regulated promoter is switched off and only S.cerevisiae cells which contain a functionally similar gene can survive,
 - e) isolating and analyzing the cDNA or genomic DNA.

The invention thus discloses that in a first step, essential genes from S.cerevisiae are identified. The invention also discloses that, essential genes from other mycetes are identified starting from the identified essential genes in S.cerevisiae. In order to identify essential genes of S.cerevisiae, individual genomic genes are eliminated through homologous recombination. If the DNA segment thus eliminated concerns an essential gene, then the deletion is lethal for the S.cerevisiae cells in haploid form.

A method, wherein the studied S.cerevisiae gene is replaced by a marker gene can be used to generate the

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corresponding genomic deletion of S.cerevisiae and to determine the S.cerevisiae cells containing the deletion.

As a selection marker a dominant selection marker (e.g. kanamycin resistance gene) or an auxotrophic marker can for example be used. As an auxotrophic marker, it is possible to use genes coding for key enzymes of amino acid or nucleic base synthesis. For example, one can use as a selection marker the following genes from S.cerevisiae: gene encoding for the metabolic pathway of leucine (e.g.LEU2-gene), histidine (e.g. HIS3-gene) or tryptophan (e.g. TRF1 gene) or for the nucleic base metabolism of uracil (e.g. URA3-gene).

Auxotrophic S.cerevisiae strains can be used. These auxotrophic strains can only grow on nutritive media containing the corresponding amino acids or nucleotide bases. All laboratory S.cerevisiae strains, containing auxotrophic markers can for instance be used. When diploid S.cerevisiae strains are used, then the corresponding marker gene must be nomozygously mutated. Strain CEN.PK2 or isogenic derivates thereof can be used.

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Strains containing no suitable auxotrophic marker can also be used such as prototrophic S.cerevisiae strains. Then a dominant selection marker e.g. resistance gene, such as kanamycin resistance gene can be used. A loxP-KanMX-loxP cassette can advantageously be used for this purpose.

For the homologous recombination replacing the whole DNA sequence or part thereof of a S.cerevisiae gene, DNA fragments are used wherein the marker gene is flanked at the 5'- and 3'-ends by sequences which are homologous to the 5'- and 3'-ends of the studied S.cerevisiae gene.

Different processes can be used for the preparation of the corresponding DNA fragments which are also appropriate for the deletion of any specific S.cerevisiae gene. A linear DNA-fragment is used for the transformation of the suitable S.cerevisiae strair. This fragment is integrated into the S.cerevisiae genome by homologous recombination. These processes include:

- 1. "Conventional method" for the preparation of deletion cassettes (Rothstein, R.J. (1983) Methods in Enzymology, Vol. 101, 202-211).
- 2. "Conventional Method" using the PCR technique ("modified conventional method").
- 3. SFH (short flanking homology) PCR method (Wach, A. et al. (1994) Yeast 10: 1793-1808; Gültner, U. et al. (1996) Nucleic Acids Research 24:2519-2524).
- of deletion cassettes in the S.cerevisiae genome, the gene to be studied is either already present in an appropriate vector or is integrated in such a vector. With this method, any pBR- pUC- and pBluescript*-derivates can be used for example. A major part of the target gene sequence is eliminated from the vector, for instance using appropriate restriction sites, conserving however the 3'- and 5'-regions of the studied gene inside the vector. The selected marker gene is integrated between the remaining regions.
- 2. In the modified form of this "conventional method", PCR is used. This method allows amplification of the 3'- and 5'-terminal regions of the coding sequence of the studied S.cerevisiae gene. This method amplifies selectively both terminal regions of the studied gene, therefore, two PCR-reactions must be carried out for each studied gene, amplifying once the 5'-end, and once the 3'-end of the gene. The length of the amplified terminal DNA-fragment depends on the existing restriction sites. The amplified terminal ends of the studied gene have generally a length of 50 to 5000 base pairs (bp), preferably a length between 500 and 1000 bp.

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As template for the PCR-reactions, genomic DNA of S.cerevisiae or wild-type genes can be used. The primer-pairs (a sense and an antisense primer, respectively) are constructed so that they correspond to the 3'-end and the 5'-end sequence of the studied S.cerevisiae gene. Especially, the primer is selected such as to allow its integration by way of appropriate restriction sites.

As vectors, pBR- pUC- and pBluescript derivates can be used. In particular vectors already containing a

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gene encoding the selection marker, are appropriate. In particular, vectors can be used, which contain genes of the selection marker HIS3, LEU2, TRP1 or URA3.

The DNA segments of the studied S.cerevisiae gene, obtained by PCR, are integrated in the vector at both sides of the selection marker, so that subsequently, as in the "conventional method", the selection marker is flanked on both ends by DNA sequences which are nomologous to the studied gene.

3. Homologous recombination in S.cerevisiae takes place in a very efficient and precise manner and the length of the DNA sequence homologous to the studied S.cerevisiae gene flanking the selection marker gene can in fact be considerably shorter than with the "modified conventional method". The flanking ends homologous to the studied S.cerevisiae gene need to present a length of only about 20-60 bp, preferably 30-45 bp. The SFH-PCR method is particularly advantageous as the laborious cloning step can be obviated.

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A PCR reaction is carried out on a DNA-template containing the gene for the selection marker to be used, wherein the primers are constructed so that the DNA sequence of the sense primer is homologous to the 5'-end of the selection marker sequence and so that the primer presents in addition at its 5'-end a region of preferably 40 nucleotides, which corresponds to the 5'-terminal sequence of the studied S.cerevisiae gene. The antisense primer is constructed in an analogous manner, i.e. it is complementary to the 3'-end of the gene sequence of the selection marker, wherein this primer contains at its 5'-end a region of also preferably 40 nucleotides, which corresponds to the complementary strand of the 3'-terminal coding sequence of the studied gene.

For the amplification of S.cerevisiae genes to be studied by the SFH-PCE method, vectors containing the gene for the auxotrophic marker or selection marker can be used. Especially, plasmid pUG6 is used as the template. This plasmid contains a loxP-KanMX-loxP cassette (Gültner, U. et al. (1996) Nucleic Acids Research 24: 2519-2524). In other

terms, the Kanamycin resistance gene is flanked at both ends by a loxP sequence (loxP-KanMX-loxP cassette). cassette is advantageous in that the Kanamycin resistance gene can be eventually eliminated from the S.cerevisiae genome after integration of the loxP-KanMX-loxP cassette into the S.cerevisiae gene to be studied. Cre-recombinase of bacteriophage P1 can be used for this purpose. Crerecombinase recognizes the loxP sequences and induces elimination of the DNA located between the two sequences by a homologous recombination process. As a result only one loxP sequence remains and the so-called marker regeneration occurs, i.e. the S.cerevisiae strain may be transformed again using the loxP-KanMX-loxP cassette. This is particularly advantageous, when at least two functionally similar genes are to be deleted in order to obtain a Lethal phenotype.

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With the PCR-method, the PCR reaction primers are at the 3'-end a preferably 20 nucleotide long sequence, which is homologous to the sequence situated left and/or right of the loxP-KanMX-loxF cassette, and at the 5'-end a preferably 40 nucleotide long sequence, which is homologous to the terminal ends of the gene to be studied.

Using the three methods, one obtains linear deletion cassettes containing the gene encoding the selection marker, which is flanked on both sides by homologous sequences of the gene to be studied. The deletion cassettes are used for the transformation of diploid S.cerevisiae strains. The diploid strain S.cerevisiae CEN.PK2 (Scientific Research & Development GmbH, Oberursel) can be used for example for this purpose. [CEN.PK2 Mata/MAT α ura3-52/ura3-52 leu2-3, 112/leu2-3, 112his3 Δ 1/his3 Δ 1 trp1-289/trp1-289 MAL2-8 $^{\rm C}$ MAL2-8 $^{\rm C}$ SUC2/SUC2]

The strain CEN.PK2 is prepared and cultivated using known methods (Gietz, R.D. et al. (1992) Nucleic Acids Eesearch 8: 1425; Güldener, U. et al. (1996) Nucleic Acids Eesearch 24:2519-2524).

The cells of the S.cerevisiae strain used are transformed according to known processes with appropriate DNA quantity of the linear deletion cassette (e.g. Sambrook et al. 1989). Thereafter, the medium in which the cells are cultivated is replaced by a new medium, a so-called selective medium, which does not contain the corresponding amino acid (e. g. histidine, leucine or tryptophan) or nucleic base (e.g. uracil) or, when using a deletion cassette containing the kanamycin resistance gene, by a medium containing geneticin (G418 (*) (e.g. a complete medium (YEPD) containing geneticin). Alternatively, the transformed cells may be plated on agar plates prepared using the corresponding media. Thereby, one selects the transformed cells, in which a homologous recombination occured, since only those cells can grow under these modified conditions.

However, in most cases, only one of the two copies of the gene in the double chromosome set of a diploid S.cerevisiae strain is replaced by the DNA of the deletion cassette during the transformation, resulting in a heterozygote-diploid S.cerevisiae mutant strain, wherein one copy of the gene studied is replaced by a selection marker, while the other copy of the gene is maintained in the genome. This presents the advantage that in case of a deletion of an essential gene, due to the existence of the second copy of the essential gene, the mutant S.cerevisiae strain is still viable.

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The proper integration of the deletion cassette DNA at the predetermined chromosomal gene locus (gene locus of the gene to be studied) may be checked by Southern-Blot Analysis (Southern, E.M. (1975) J. Mol. Biol. 98:503-517) or by diagnostic PCR analysis using specific primers (Güldener, U. et al. (1996) Nucleic Acids Research 24:2519-1524)

The genetic separation of individual diploid cells may be monitored by tetrad analysis. To this end, reduction division (meiosis) is induced in the diploid cells, especially heterozygote mutant strains, using known methods such as nitrogen impoverishment on potassium acetate plates

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(Sherman, F. et al. (1986) Cold Spring Harbor Laboracory fress, Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y.; Guthrie, C. and Fink, G.R. (1991) Methods in Enzymology, Vol 194. Academic Press, San Diego, 3-21; Ausubel, F. M. et al. (1987) Current Protocol in Molecular Biology John Wiley and Sons, Inc., Chapter 13). Meiosis results only in asci with four ascospores (segregated), which can be indivualized after partial enzymatic digestion of the ascospore wall with zvmolvase (Ausubel et al. (1987)) by micromanipulators (e.g. SINGER). For example when a tetrad analysis is carried out on a heterozygote-diploid mutant strain in which an essential gene present in the double chromosome set is replaced on one chromosome by homologous recombination, then only two segregated ascospores are viable, namely those which carry the essential gene. The two remaining segregated ascospores are not viable because they lack the essential gene.

In order to check if the genes studied by this method are really essential or if the homologous recombination leads to an alteration of an essential gene adjacent to the gene locus of the gene studied, the heterozygote diploid S.cerevisiae mutant strain is transformed with a centromere plasmid containing said studied gene.

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A tetrad analysis is carried out on the transformants. When four instead of two viable segregates are obtained, then the studied gene contained in the centromere plasmid can complement the defect of the two non-viable haploid S.cerevisiae cells/mutant strains, which demonstrates that the studied S.cerevisiae gene is essential.

Preferably, plasmids present in low copy number, e.g. one or two copies per cell are used as centromere plasmids. For example plasmids pRS313, pRS314, pRS315 and pRS316 (Sijkorski, R. S. and Hieter, P. (1989) Genetics 122: 19-27) or similar plasmids can be used for this purpose. Preferably, the studied genes are integrated in said plasmids including their 3'- and 5'-end non-coding regions.

Individual S.cerevisiae genes may be studied using the above-described method, their sequences being totally or partially known. The complete genomic sequence of S.cerevisiae was made accessible to the public via the WWW (World Wide Web) on April 24, 1996.

Different possibilities exist to have access to the S.cerevisiae genomic DNA sequence via the WWW.

MIPS (Munich information Centre of Protein Sequence) Address http://speedy.mips.biochem.mpg.de/mips

SGD (Saccharomyces Genome Database, Stanford)
Address http://genome-www.stanford.edu/Saccharomyces
YPD(Yeast Protein Database, Cold Spring Harbor)
Address http://www.protecme.com/YPDhome.html

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The complete S.terevisiae DNA sequence is also accessible via FTP (file transfer protocol) in Europe (e.g. at the address: ftp.mips.embnet.org) in the U.S.A. (address: genome-ftp.stanford.edu) or in Japan (address: ttp.nig.ac.jp).

The complete S.cerevisiae DNA sequence was published in Nature, special issue No 387, 1997.

90 essential genomic S.cerevisiae genes have been identified by this way. These essential genes are listed in table 1. Table 1 contains the systematic gene name of the essential genes (corresponding to the denomination under which the corresponding DNA sequences are accessible in databanks), the deleted nucleotides and the corresponding amino acids of the essential genes (position 1 is taken as reference, this latter corresponding to the A of the probable initiation coden ATG of the ORF). The deleted nucleotides correspond to nucleotides deleted in the gene and the deleted amino acids correspond to the amino acids missing in the encoded protein. Furthermore as corresponds to the total number of amino acids present in the encoded protein. The numbers of deleted nucleotides do not necessarily correspond to 3 times the numbers of deleted amino acids; this is explained by the fact that a gene is bigger than the encoded reading frame for amino acids. YME134w for example encodes a protein of 237aa, the

deletion starts at nucleotide 5 (counting starts from ATG) and continues until nucleotide 740, this also includes part of the terminator region which does not encode aa, so the deletion of the aa starts from aa 2 until the end of the protein which is aa 237. Furthermore, the information available concerning the functions of respective genes or of the encoded proteins and/or homologies/similarities to other genes or proteins are indicated. The primers used for the PCR reaction to prepare the DNA fragments appropriate for the deletion of the genes are listed in table 2, where S1 and S2 are the forward and reverse primers, respectively, and the bold letters corresponding to the nucleotides of the respective gene.

The data of table 1 emphasize that despite the fact that the S.cerevisiae gene DNA sequences are known, very little is known today about the function, the characteristic properties of these genes, the essential function of these genes, or the proteins encoded by the same.

According to one embodiment of the method, essential genes of S.cerevisiae are used to identify corresponding functionally similar genes in other mycetes.

By functionally similar genes in other mycete species, is meant genes which have a function similar or identical to that of the identified essential genes of S.cerevisiae. Functionally similar genes in other mycetes may, but need not be homologous in sequence to the corresponding essential S.cerevisiae genes. Functionally similar genes in other mycetes may exhibit only moderate sequence homology at the nucleotide level to the corresponding essential S.cerevisiae genes. By moderate sequence homology it is meant in the present invention genes having a sequence identity, at the nucleotide level, of at least 50%, more preferably of at least 60% and most preferably of at least 70%.

In addition, functionally similar genes in other mydetes may, but need not encode proteins homologous in sequence to the proteins encoded by the essential 3.zerevisiae genes. Functionally similar proteins in other

mydetes may exhibit moderate protein sequence homology to the proteins encoded by the essential S.cerevisiae genes.

By moderate protein sequence homology is meant in the present invention proteins having a sequence identity, at the amino-acid level, of a least 40%, preferably of at least 50%, more preferably of at least 60% and most preferably of at least 70%.

Genes homologous in sequence may be isolated according to known methods, for example via homologous screening (Sambrook, J. et al. (1989) Molecular Cloning Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, N.Y.) or via the PCR technique using specific primers from genomic libraries and/or cDNA libraries of the corresponding mycetes.

According to one embodiment, genes homologous in sequences are isolated from cDNA libraries. In order to find out functionally similar genes in other mycetes, mRNA is isolated from mycete species to be studied according to known methods (Sambrock et al. 1989) and cDNA is synthesized according to known methods (Sambrock et al. 1989; or cDNA synthesis kits, e.g. from STRATAGENE).

The prepared cDNA is directionally integrated in a suitable expression vector.

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For example, synthesis of the first cDNA strand may be carried out in the presence of primers having appropriate restriction sites in order to allow a subsequent cloning in the proper orientation with respect to the expression vector promoter. As restriction sites, any known restriction site may be used. As a primer, for instance the following primer, 50 nucleotides long may be used:

The sequence (X) $_{6}$ represents an appropriate restriction site, for example for XhoI.

After two-strand synthesis, the cohesive ends of the double stranded cDNA are filled (blunt end) and the cDNA ends are then ligated using a suitable DNA adaptor sequence. The DNA adaptor sequence should contain a restriction site which should be different from the restriction site used in the primer for the synthesis of

the first cDNA strand. The DNA adaptor may comprise for example complementary 9- or 13-mer oligonucleotides, whose ends represent the cohesive end of a restriction site. These ends may be for example a EccRI-site:

- 5' XXXXXGGCACGAG 3'
- 3' XCCGTGCTC 5'

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The single-stranded X in the adaptor sequence represent the conesive end of a restriction site.

The cDNA provided with corresponding adaptor sequences is then cleaved using restriction endonuclease, whose recognition site was used in the primer for the synthesis of the first cDNA strand, for example XhoI. The cDNA thus obtained would have according to this example 3'-XhoI and 5'-EcoRI protruding ends and could be therefore directionally integrated into an expression vector cleaved with XhoI and EcoRI.

As expression vectors, among others, E. coli/S.cerevisiae shuttle vectors, i.e. vectors usable in E. coli as well as in S.cerevisiae are suitable. Such vectors may then be amplified for instance in E. coli. As expression vectors, those which are present in a high copy number as well as those present in a low copy number in S.cerevisiae cells can be used. For this purpose, for example vectors selected in the group consisting of pRS423 - pRS426 (pRS423, pRS424, pRS425, pES426) and/or pRS313-pRS316 (pRS313, pRS314, pRS315, pRS316) (Sikorki, R.S. and Hieter, P. (1989) Genetics 122: 19-27; Christianson T. W. et al. (1992) Gene 110: 119-122) are suitable.

Expression vectors should contain appropriate S.cerevisiae promoters and terminators. In case they do not have these elements, the corresponding promoters and terminators are inserted in such a way that a subsequent incorporation of the generated cDNA remains possible. Farticularly suitable are the promoters of S.cerevisiae genes MET25, PGK1, TPI1, TDH3, ADHI, URA3. One may use promoters of the wild-type gene in non modified form as well as promoters which were modified in such a way that certain activator sequences and/or repressor sequences were eliminated. As terminators, for example the terminators of

the S.cerevisiae genes MET25, PGK1, TFI1, TDH3, ADH1, URA3 are suitable.

According to another embodiment, genes homologous in sequence are isolated from genomic libraries. Genomic INA libraries from mycetes can be prepared according to procedures known (for example as described in Current Frotocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley and Sons, Inc). For example, genomic DNA from mycetes can be prepared using known methods for yeast cell lysis and isolation of genomic DNA (for example commercially available kits from Biol01, Inc). The genomic DNA can be partially digested using a restriction enzyme such as Sau3AI and the fragments are size-selected by agarose gel electrophoresis. DNA fragments having for example a size of 5-10kb are then purified by classical methods (as for example, using Gene Clean kit from Bio101) and inserted in a E.coli, yeast shuttle vector such as YEP14 (described e.g. by Sanglard D., Kuchler K., Ischer F., Pagani J-L., Monod M. and Bille Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, (1995) Vol.39 Nol1, P2378-2386) cut by a restriction enzyme giving compatible ends (for example BamHI for Sau3AI-cut genomic DNA). The resulting expression library can be amplified in E.coli. However any known method, appropriate for the preparation of a genomic library, can be used in the present invention.

In order to find the genes in the studied mycete species, which are functionally similar to essential genes of S.cerevisiae, one S.cerevisiae essential gene is placed under control of a regulated promoter, either as an integrative (1) or extrachromosomal (2) gene.

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1. For the integration of a regulated promoter in the S.cerevisiae genome, one replaces the native promoter of the selected essential gene by the regulated promoter, for example by homologous recombination via PCR Suldener et al. (1996). The homologous recombination via PCR can be carried out for example in the diploid S.cerevisiae strain CEN.PK2. The successfull integration into one chromosome can be checked in haploid cells following tetrad analysis.

Using the tetrad analysis, one obtains four viable ascospores, wherein in two haploid segregates, the selected essential gene is placed under the control of the native promoter, while the essential gene in the two remaining segregates is placed under the control of the regulated promoter.

The last mentioned haploid segregates are used for the transformation with the cDNA or the genomic DNA present in the recombinant vector.

2. Using the extrachromosomal variant, the selected essential S.cerevisiae gene, is first inserted in a suitable expression vector, for example a E.coli/S.cerevisiae shuttle vector. For this purpose, the essential gene may be amplified via PCR from genomic S.cerevisiae DNA starting from the ATG initiation codon up to and including the termination codon. The primers used for this purpose may be constructed in such a way that they contain recognition sites for appropriate restriction enzymes, facilitating a subsequent insertion under control of a regulated promoter in an expression vector.

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The recombinant expression vector with the plasmid copy of the essential S.cerevisiae gene under the control of a regulated promoter is subsequently used for the transcomplementation of the corresponding mutant allele. The corresponding mutant allele may be selected from the heterozygote-diploid mutant strains prepared by eliminating, partially or totally, by homologous recombination an essential mycete gene listed in table 1 (first column of table 1), as described above.

The expression vector with the selected essential S.cerevisiae gene is transformed in the corresponding heterotygote-diploid mutant strain carrying instead of the selected essential S.cerevisiae gene, a selection marker gene. The transformants are isolated by selection based on the auxotrophic marker contained in the expression vector used. The thus transformed heterotygote-diploid mutant strains are submitted to a tetrad analysis. One obtains four viable segregates. By retracing the corresponding markers of the mutant allele and the expression vector, the

transformed wild-type segregates may be distinguished from segregates which do not contain the genomic copy of the essential gene. Segregates, which do not contain the genomic copy of the selected essential gene, are designated as trans-complemented haploid mutant strains. They are subsequently used for transformation with cDNA or genomic DNA libraries from other mycete species present in appropriate vectors.

As regulated promoters, inducible or repressible promoters may be used. These promoters can consist of naturally and/or artificially disposed promoter sequences.

As regulated promoters, for example the promoters of GAL1 gene and the corresponding promoter derivatives, such as for example promoters, whose different UAS (upstream activation sequence) elements have been eliminated (GALS, GALL; Mumberg, J. et al. (1994) Nucleic Acids Research 22:5767-5768) may be used. As regulated promoters, promoters of gluconeogenic genes may also be used, such as e.g. FBP1, PCK1, ICL1 or parts therefrom, such as e.g. their activation sequence (UAS1 and/or UAS2) or repression sequence (URS, upstream repression sequence) (Niederacher et al. (1992), Curr. Genet. 22: 636-670; Proft et al. (1995- Mol. Gen. Gent. 246: 367-373; Schüller et al. (1992) EMBO J; 11: 107-114; Guarente et al. (1984) Cell 36: 503-511).

A S.cerevisiae mutant strain modified in this manner can be cultivated under growth conditions, in which the regulated promoter is active, so that the essential S.cerevisiae gene is expressed. The S.cerevisiae cells are then transformed with a representative quantity of the library containing the studied mycete species cDNA or genomic DNA. Transformants express additionally the protein whose coding sequence is present in the recombinant vector.

The method contemplates that the growth conditions may be modified in such a way as to inhibit the regulated promoter, under the control of which is the selected essential gene. Especially, growth conditions may be changed by replacing the growth medium. When for example the GAL1 promoter or a derivate thereof is used, one can

replace the galactose-containing medium (induced state) by a glucose-containing medium (repressed state).

These modified conditions are lethal for the S.cerevisiae cells in which the recombinant vector does not carry the functionally similar genomic DNA or cDNA of the studied mycete species. On the contrary, the S.cerevisiae cells in which the recombinant vector expresses a functionally similar coding sequence of the studied mycete species, are viable, since in these cells the lethal metabolic defect is complemented by the protein encoded by the functionally similar gene.

The method contemplates that the recombinant vector (the plasmid) is isolated from the surviving transformants using known method (Strathern, J.N. and Higgins, D.R. (1991). Plasmids are recovered from yeast into Escherichia coli shuttle vectors in: Guthrie, J. and Fink, G.R. Methods in Enzymology, Volume 194. Guide to yeast genetic and molecular Biology. Academic Press, San Diego, 319-329) and the cDNA or genomic DNA is analyzed using DNA-analysis methods such as DNA sequencing. (Sanger et al. (1977), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 74: 5463-5467)

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The method contemplates that essential S.cerevisiae genes may be used for the identification of functionally similar genes and/or genes homologous in sequence in other mycetes, especially essential genes functionally similar and/or homologous in sequence in mycetes pathogenic to human, animal and plants. For this purpose for example mydetes of the classes phydomydetes or eumydetes may be used, in particular the subclasses basidiomycetes, ascomycetes, especially mehiascomycetales (yeast) and plectascales (mould fungus) and gymnascales (skin and hair fungus) or of the class of hyphomycetes, in particular the subclasses conidiosporales (skin fungus) and thallosporales (budding or gemmiparous fungus), among which particularly the species mucor, rhizopus, coccidioides, paracoccidioides (blastomyces brasiliensis), endomyces (blastomyces), aspergillus, penicilium (scopulariopsis), trichophyton epidermophton, microsporon, piedraia, (ctenomyces),

hormodendron, phialophora, sporotrichon, cryptococcus, candida, geotrichum and trichosporon.

Of particular interest is the use of Candida Spp. especially Candida albicans, Candida glabrata, Aspergillus Spp., especially Aspergillus fumigatus, Coccidioides immitis, Cryptococcus neoformans, Histoplasma capsulatum, Elastomyces dermatitidis, Paracoccidioides brasiliens and Sporothrix schenckii.

The method contemplates that essential mycete genes are used to identify substances which may inhibit partially or totally the functional expression of these essential genes and/or the functional activity of the encoded proteins. Substances may be identified in this fashion, which inhibit mycetes growth and which can be used as antimycotics, for example in the preparation of drugs.

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A particular feature of this method is that essential mycete genes or the corresponding encoded proteins are used as targets for the screening of the substances. The method contemplates that essential S.cerevisiae genes as well as functionally similar genes and/or genes homologous in sequence of other mycetes or the corresponding encoded proteins may be used as targets.

According to one embodiment of the screening method of the invention, mycetes cells are provided, which contain the essential gene used as target, and those cells are incubated with the substance to be tested. By this way, the growth inhibitory effect of this substance with respect to the essential target gene is determined.

The mycetes cells which express the essential target gene to a different degree are used, and these cells are then incubated with the substance to be tested and the growth inhibitory effect of this substance is determined.

The method includes the use of two or more mycetes cells, or strains derived therefrom, which differ in that they express the essential target gene to a different degree.

For example, two, three, four, five, ten or more mycetes cells or the corresponding mycetes strains may be comparatively analysed with respect to the growth

inhibitory effect of a substance used in a defined concentration. Through such concentration series, antimycotic substances may be distinguished from cytotoxic or inactive substances.

A particular embodiment of the method includes the use of haploid mycetes cells/ strains for the screening, especially haploid S.cerevisiae cells/ strains.

The method contemplates the integration of the resential gene selected as a target in a suitable expression vector.

As expression vectors E.coli/S.cerevisiae shuttle vectors are for example suitable. Especially vectors differing in their copy number per cell may be used. Therefore, one may use vectors, which are present in the transformed S.cerevisiae cells in a high copy number, or one can also use those with a low copy number. One embodiment comprises the use of expression vectors which allow the integration of the target gene in the S.cerevisiae genome.

For example the vectors pRS423, pRS424,pRS425, pRS426, pRS313, pRS314, pRS315, pRS316, pRS303, pRS304, pRS305, pRS306 (Sikorki and Hieter, 1989; Christianson et al. 1992) are appropriate as expression vectors.

The vectors of the series pRS423 - pRS426 are present in a high copy number, about 50 - 100 copies/ cell. On the contrary, the vectors of the series pRS313 - pRS316 are present in a low copy number (1 - 2 copies / cell). When expression vectors from these two series are used, then the target gene is present as an extrachromosomal copy. Using the vector of the series pRS303 - pRS306 allows the integration of the target genes into the genome. Using these three different expression vector types allows a gradual expression of the studied functionally similar essential gene.

The method includes that the growth inhibitory effect of substances with respect to mycetes cells/strains is comparatively determined using expression vectors differing for instance in the copy number of the vector/cell.

Such cells may express the essential target gene to a different degree and may exhibit a graduated reaction with respect to the substance.

The method includes also, that a target gene expression of different strength is obtained in different mycetes cells (regulated overexpression) by insertion of the target gene in the expression vector between specific selected S.cerevisiae promoters and terminators. S.cerevisiae promoters which are constitutively expressed, but with different strength, are suitable. Examples for such promoters are native promoters of S.cerevisiae genes MET25, PGK1, TPI1, TDH3, ADH1, URA3, TRF1, as well as corresponding derivatives therefrom, for example promoter derivatives without specific activator and/or repressor sequences.

Regulated promoters are also appropriate for the graduated over-expression of the target gene. The native promoters of the GAL1 genes and/or corresponding derivates thereof, for example promoters, in which different UAS elements have been eliminated. (GALS, GALL; Mumberg et al. (1994) Nucleic Acids Research 22: 5767-5768) as well as promoters of gluconeogenic genes, for example the promoters FBP1, PCK1, ICL1, or parts thereof, for example their activator- (UAS1 or UAS2) or repressor- (URS) sequences are used in corresponding non activable and/or non repressible test promoters (Schüller et al. (1992) EMBO J. 11: 107-114) Guarente et al. (1984) Cell 36: 503-511; Niederacher et al. (1992) Curr. Genet. 22: 363-370; Proft et al. (1995) Mol. Gen. Genet. 246: 367-373).

In the expression vector terminator for example the terminator sequence of S.cerevisiae genes MET25, PGK1, TPI1, TDH3, ADHI, URA3 may be used.

The method includes that by the use of cleverly selected expression vector types and/or the preparation of suitable expression vectors, eventually using promoters of different strength and differently regulated promoters, a series of expression vectors may be constructed, all containing the same target gene, but differing in that they express the target gene to a different extent.

The method includes the transformation of the expression vector in haploid wild-type cells of S.cerevisiae. The thus obtained S.cerevisiae cells/strains are cultivated in liquid medium and incubated in the presence of different concentrations of the tested substance and the effect of this substance on the growth behaviour of the cells/strains expressing the target gene to a different degree is comparatively analysed. The method also includes that haploid S.cerevisiae cells/strains, transformed using the respective expression vector type without target gene, are used as a reference.

The method includes that the screening of the substances can be carried out in different media using regulated promoters, especially GAL1 promoter and its derivates (GALS and GALL), since the expression degree may be largely influenced by the choice of the respective medium. Thus, the expression degree of the GAL1 promoter decreases in the following fashion: 2 % galactose > 1 % galactose + 1 % glucose > 2 % glycerine > 2 % glucose.

The effect of the substances inhibiting the growth of wild-type cells of S.cerevisiae, may be partially or totally compensated by the overexpression of the functionally similar gene of another mycete species.

According to one embodiment, the method screening antimycotic substances is carried out in vitro by contact of an essential or functionally similar gene or the corresponding encoded protein with the substance to be tested and determination of the effect of the substance on the target. Any in vitro test appropriate for determining the interaction of two molecules, such as a hybridization test or a functional test, can be used (e.g. enzymatic tests which are described in details in Bergmeyer H.U., Methods of Enzymatic Analysis, VCH Publishers). If the screening is carried out using the encoded protein as the target, then the corresponding essential gene is inserted by any suitable method known in the art, such as PCR amplification using a set of primers containing appropriate restriction sites, (Current Protocol in Molecular Biology, John Wiley and Sons, Inc) into an expression system, such

as E. coli, Baculovirus, or yeast, and the expressed protein is then completely or partially purified by a method known in the art. Any purification method appropriate for the purification of expressed proteins, such as affinity chromatography can be used. If the target protein function is known, a functional test can then be carried out in which the effect of the antimycotic supstance on the protein function is determined. protein function is unknown, substances which can interact with the target protein, e.g. which bind to the encoded protein, can be tested. In such a case a test such as protection of the target protein from enzymatic digestion by appropriate enzymes can be used.

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The method also includes the identification of genes which are functionally similar and/or homologous in sequence to essential S.cerevisiae genes from humans, animals or plants. The corresponding human, animal or plant genes may optionally be used as target genes in the method in order to test if antimycotic substances exhibit an effect on these target genes.

A particular advantage of the method is that in this way substances may be identified which efficiently inhibit mycetes growth and also the influence of these substances on corresponding functionally similar genes and/or genes homologous in sequence to essential S.cerevisiae genes from human, animal or plants may be determined.

The method includes also the possibility to check the existence of functionally similar genes and/or human, animal or plant genes homologous in sequence to the corresponding essential mycete genes, for example by checking homology of the identified essential mycete genes or parts thereof with human, animal or plant sequence genes available in data banks. In this way, it is possible to select at an early stage from the identified essential mycete genes, depending on the aim, those for which no functionally similar gene and/or no human gene homologous in sequence exist, for example.

Thereby, the method offers a plurality of possibilities to identify selectively substances with antimycotic effects, with no harmful effect on human beings.

For example, it is possible to identify substances usable for the preparation of drugs for the treatment of mycosis or prophylaxis in immunodepression states. These substances may be used for example for the manufacture of drugs usable for the treatment of mycotic infections, which occur during diseases like Aids or Diabetes. Substances which may be used for the fabrication of fungicides, especially of fungicides which are harmless for humans and animals, can also be identified.

Furthermore, the method offers the possibility to identify antimycotic substances, which selectively inhibit growth of specific mycete species only.

The screening method is particularly advantageous inasmuch as it is sufficient to know whether the genes are essential, one does not need any additional information regarding the function of the essential genes or the function of the encoded proteins. In addition, it is particularly advantageous for the identification of functionally similar genes to essential S.cerevisiae gene, in other mycetes where the DNA sequence is not available for many of these genes.

Examples

Example 1 :

Preparation of a deletion cassette for ORF YML114c, by the classical method using PCR (modified classical method)

1)Construction of the plasmids pBluescript®KS+ vector(Stratagene; the sequence of which is available on Genbank®X52327) is used as the starting vector for the preparation of the other plasmids.

The vector is cleaved with NotI and the single-stranded ends are subsequently eliminated by incubation with Mung Bean exonuclease. By religation of DNA fragments, the pKS+ Δ NotI vector is thus obtained

(corresponding to the pBluescript®KS+ without the NotI restriction site).

pKS+DNotI is cleaved with PstI and BamHI and the DNA oligonucleotide, synthesized from the pK3/pK4 primer pair described below, is ligated in the opened plasmid. The pKS+neu plasmid thus prepared contains between PstI and FamHI restriction sites, the following novel restriction sites NotI, StuI, SfiI and NcoI :i.e. PstI-NotI-StuI-SfiI-NcoI-BamHI:

5'-GCGGCCGCAAGGCCTCCATGGCCG-3' PK3

5'-GATCCGGCCATGGAGGCCTTGCGGCCGCTGCA-3' PK4

The URA3 gene of S.cerevisiae is amplified via FCR, by use of the primer-pair PK9 and PK10, described below, and an Ycplac33 vector DNA (Gietz, R. I. and Sugino, A. (1988) Gene 74: 527-534) as matrix. The amplified DNA is cleaved with BamHI and NotI and subsequently inserted in pKS+neu which has been cleaved by BamHI and NotI. The plasmid thus obtained is named pPK9/10.

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E'-ATCTGCAGCGGCCAAACATGAGAATTGGGTAATAACTG-3' PK9
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2% E'-ATGGATCCGGCCATGGAGGC<u>CTTCAAGAATTAGCTTTTCAATTCATC</u>-3'
BamHI PK10

2) Preparation of the deletion cassette

The 5'-region of ORF YML114c was amplified by PCR using genomic DNA of S.cerevisiae as template and both primers YML114c-Asp718 and YLM114c-EcoRI, described below.

YML114c-Asp718: 5'-GCTGGTACCCGTCGGTCTCTTTACC-3'

YLM114c-EcoRI: 5'-TTGGAATTCATTGCCCTTTATGAGTCC-3'

The PCR fragment was subsequently cut with the restriction enzymes Asp718 and EcoF.I. The resulting 613BP fragment was inserted in pPK9/10 linearized with Asp718 and EcoRI generating plasmid pYML114c-A.

The 3'region of ORF YML114c was amplified by PCR using genomic DNA of S.cerevisiae as template and both primers YML114c-BamHI and YLM114c-SacI, described below.

YML114c-BamHI:5'-ATCGGATCCGCCAACAATGACAGCG-3'

YLM114c-SacI: 5'-GTTGAGCTCTGAGCGTTTGTCCTTG-3'

The PCR fragment was subsequently cut with BamHI and SacI. The resulting 535bp fragment was inserted in plasmid pYML114c-A linearized with BamHI and SacI generating pYML114c-B.

This latter plasmid was used for transformation of S.cerevisiae after linearization with Asp178 and SacI.

Examples 2-90: Construction of deletion cassettes for the remaining genes listed in table 1

Using the method disclosed in example 1, the deletion cassettes of each of the essential genes can be constructed using as primers those disclosed in table 2.

Example 91:

Significant cells from strain CEN.PK2 are transformed using each about 5 μg DNA of the linear deletion cassette of examples 1 to 90 according to known methods (Gietz et al. 1992; Güldener et al. 1996). The transformation reaction medium is plated on plates on the corresponding selective media. In this manner, the transformants are selected, in which homologous recombination occured, since only these cells can grow under these modified conditions.

The recombinant cells were submitted to a tetrad analysis in the following conditions: Reduction division (meiosis) was induced in the heterozygote mutant strain using known methods (Guthrie C. and Fink, G.R. (1991) Methods in Enzymology, Vol 194, Academic Press, San Diego). The resulting asci were submitted to partial enzymatic digestion with zygmolyase to digest the ascospore wall and separated using a micromanipulator (SINGER Instruments). This analysis demonstrated that all the above-mentioned 90 genes are essential for the growth of S.cerevisiae.

The present invention also applies more specifically to the following genes: YML114c, YLR186w, YLR215c, YLR222c, YLR243w, YLR272c, YLR275w, YLR276c,

YPR085d, YPR105d, YPR112d, YPR137w,

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YPR143w,

YPR144c and YPR169w.

YPR032c,

WO 99/55907

TABLE 1: ESSENTIAL GENES

Systematic	aa	deleted	deleted	comments
ORF name		nucleotides	amino acids	
YMR049c		18-2277	6-759	weak similarity to A.thaliana PRL1 protein
YMR134w	237	- 74	2-237	u
S C		174-543	59-181	similarity to C.elegans hypothetical protein T05G5.5
YDR299w	534	41-1560	14-520	hypothetical protein; nuclear localization (see
				a.m
36	628	5-138	16-462	weak similarity to Streptococcus M protein
968	9		ıω	hypothetical protein
107	\sim	8-381	[-	weak similarity to Myolp
116	859	51-25	51-847	synthetic lethal with CDC40
14	4		8-424	hypothetical protein
10	283	41-810	14-270	similarity to P.falciparum 41-2 protein antigen
YDR499w	4	-1	14-700	C.elega
				factor 1 and '
YDR141c	1698	51-4850	18-1617	hypothetical protein
YDR324c	\vdash	α	27-763	weak similarity to beta transducin from S. pombe and
				epeat containing proteins
. ~	1051	110-3109	37-1037	hypothetical protein
YDR398w	643	41-1880	7.	similarity to human KIAA0007 gene
110	219		14-194	hypothetical protein
YDR236c			11-163	similarity to hypothetical A. thaliana protein
YDR361c	∞	3-81	15-271	
7	2	54-6	119-215	hypothetical protein
9	00	0-52	14-177	
YDR413c	191	S	28-167	נס ו
6	7	6-64	29-215	TIF35; Vornlocher, HP., Hanachi, P. and Hershey, J.W.B.
				T_{WO}
				Translation
				Unpublished; translation initiation factor eIF3 (233
				subunit)

Systematic	aa	deleted	deleted	comments
ORF name		nucleotides	amino acids	
YDR468c	224	123-602	42-201	TLG1; member of the syntaxin family of t-SNAREs; tlq
				ems to have a defect in the retr
	- 1	1		to the TGN; viable
YDR489w	294	131-630	44-210	hypothetical protein
YDR527w	439	41-1260	14-420	weak similarity to Plasmodium yoelii rhoptry protein, or
				1
YDR288w	303	41-800	14-267	hypothetical protein
YDR201w	165	130-319	43-107	hypothetical protein
YDR434w	534	41-1400	13-467	Similarity to S.pombe hypothetical protein
YDR181c	481	194-1323	65-441	le); involved in silencin
YDR531w	367	-85	14-284	ana
YLR186w	252	4 - 750	2-250	strong similarity to S. pombe hypothetical protein C18G6.07C
YLP215c	360	31-970	11-324	CEL BOTE ON MISSISSISSISSISSISSISSISSISSISSISSISSISS
				theme are cert of the production retained
				; there are lew domains identical to the D12
		- 1		010(411)
YLR222c	817	CJ I	3-793	similarity to Dip2p
YLR243w	272	41-700	14-234	strong similarity to YOR262w
YLR272c	1176	15-3384	6-1128	similarity to hypothetical human ORF
YLR275w	110	32-360	11-90	ntains intr
				lupus erythematosus;
				part of the Ul complex by mass spectromet
				0 (1997) Neubauer G. et al.
YLR276c	594	44-1733	15-578	milarity to RNA helicases; i
				<pre>mplex by mass spectrometrie, PNAS 94: 385.</pre>
				auer G. et al.
YLR317w	144	4-403	2-135	
YLR359w	482	120-1399	41-467	strong similarity to adenylosuccinate lyase
YI,R373c	901	14-2693	5-898	rity to hypothetical protein YGR
				4

Systematic	aa	deleted	deleted	comments
ORF name		nucleotides	amino acids	
YI.R424w	708	109-2098	37-700	weak similarity to Stulp
YLR437c	133	7-376	3-126	•
YLR440c		18-1978	1-660	
33	2	i —	28-547	weak similarity to Nmd2p
YML049c	1361	258-3967	87-1323	weak similarity to monkey UV-damaged DNA-binding protein
17	2	1 - 39	13-130	
YML,093w	0	9-264	9-881	similarity to P falciparum liver stage antigen LSA-1
14	۱~	1-1	,	
27	∞	5-170	21-568	weak similarity to Los1p
32	9	- 9	15-668	weak similarity to S. pombe cdc15
YMR093w	-	1-130	m	weak similarity to Pwp2p
37	\vdash	1-1	3-470	similarity to human retinoblastoma-binding protein
YMR185w	8	5-291	21-972	,
12	œ	6-22	18-763	weak similarity to myosin
(1)	10	8-15	19-511	similarity to S. pombe putative transcription factor
				cdc5
YMR218c	-	157-3253	52-1085	,
YMR281w	0		8-254	1
YMR288w	-	131-2670	43-890	strong similarity to S. pombe und C. elegans proteins
0	505	-147	3-491	strong similarity to Myc-regulated DEAD box protein
	-	2-13	25-447	imilarity to beta t
0.2	3	7-240	9	EPL1 (viable); weak similarity to YMR164c and Gal11p
003	2	6-31	36-105	hypothetical protein
027	α	0-64	4	hypothetical protein
042	0	4-87	115-291	hypothetical protein
5	\sim	4-19	15-651	weak similarity to spt5p
	9	6-10	9	hypothetical protein
19	4	81-1000	27-334	hypothetical protein
9	2	2-27	14-907	SEC24 (lethal); component of COPII coat of ER-Golgi
				vesicles

Systematic	aa	deleted	deleted	comments
ORF name		nucleotides	amino acids	
YIL104c	507	133-1082	45-361	similarity to hypothetical S. pombe protein
YIR010w	576	41-1500	14-500	hypothetical protein
YIR015w	144	85-274	29-92	hypothetical protein
YPL126w	896	41-2700	14-900	ty to fruit fly TFIID subunit p85
YPL093w	647	151-1900	51-634	similarity to M.jannaschii GTP-binding protein,
				GTP1/OBG-family, weak similarity to other GTP-binding
				proteins
YPL063w	476	126-1385	42-462	similarity to hypothetical protein YLR019w, YLL010c and
				S.pombe hypothetical protein SPAC2F7.02c
YPL024w	241	41-550	14-184	NCE4 (viable); negative regulator of CTS1 expression
YPL020c	621	44-1813		weak similarity to Smt4p
YPL012w	1228	41-3630	14-1210	hypothetical protein
YPL007c	588	55-1614	19-538	hypothetical protein
YPL233w	216	41-610	14-204	hypothetical protein
YPL146c	455	46-1325	16-442	weak similarity to myosin heavy chain proteins
YPR048w	623	41-1650	14-550	similarity to M.domestica NADPHferrihemoprotein
				reductase and mammalian nitric-oxide synthases
YPR072w	560	42-1541	14-514	NOTS (viable); component of the NOT protein complex
YPR082c		140-279	47-93	weak similarity to Ypklp
YPR085c	448	277-1166	93-389	hypothetical protein
YPR105c	861	74-2543	25-848	hypothetical protein
YPR112c	887	52-2521	18-841	similarity to RNA-binding proteins
YPR137w	573	41-1680	14-560	weak similarity to Taf90p
YPR143w	2	41-710	14-237	hypothetical protein
	552	107 1616	36-539	0
YPR169W	1-1	201-1490	201-1490	hypothetical protein

TABLE 2: Primers used for gene deletions

	Ge	ne d	elet	ions	on o	chro	nosor	ne 13	3			
Name	Seq	uenc	e 5'	-3'								
YDR472w-S1	ATG	TCT	CAA	AGA	ATA	ATT	CAA	CCA	AGC	GCA	TCT	GAC
			GCT									
YDR472w-S2	AGC	CAA	ATC	TCA	AAC	CTT	CCC	TGT	CAA	GCA	CTT	GCC
								ATG				
YDR499w-S1	ATG	AGA	CGA	GAA	ACG	GTG	GGT	GAA	TTT	TCT	TCA	GAT
			GCT									
YDR499w-S2	1									TTC	TTT	TAT
	TCA	AGC	ATA					ATG				
YMR049c-S1		ACT							GGT	TAG	TTT	CTT
			GCT									
YMR049c-S2	l .									TGG	CTA	AGA
								ATC			~~~	000
YMR134w-S1	ì								CCA	AAG	GCC	GG.T.
	1		GCT									C2.3
YMR134w-S2	1									ATT	TAG	CAA
								ATC		330	max.	arc.
YML023c-S1	1								116	AAC	TCA	CIG
			GCT						A CIT	The state of the s	ATC	እ TC
YML023c-S2		AGT						ATC		111	AIC	AIG
1714T 0 4 0 = - Cl 1	l	TCC								AGG.	AAA	Մ
YML049c-S1	i		GCT						CIC	AGG		
YML049c-S2									ATC	TGG	AAG	CAG
IML049C-52	1		ATA					ATC		100		00
YML077w-S1	1									GAT	AGG	CAT
IMHO//W-DI	:		GCT									
YML077w-S2									CTT	GAC	CTC	TCA
111207711 22	1							ATC				
YML093w-S1										TCT	AAG	AGC
			GCT									
YML093w-S2									CTT	AGT	CAT	GAT
	1							ATC				
YML114c-S1	AAC	GTG	TAA	TTG	AGG	GAC	TCA	TAA	AGG	GCA	ATG	ACT
	TCC	A CA	GCT	GAA	GCT	TCG	TAC	G-C				
YML114c-S2	1									TGT	TAT	GTG
								ATC				
YML127w-S1	1								GAG	GCA	CCC	GCC
İ	1		GCT									
YML127w-S2										CAG	ACA	ATG
	CTA	A GC	ATA	GGC	CAC	TAG	TGG	ATC	TG			

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Name	Sequ	ience	e 5'	-3'								
YMR032w-S1	CTA	CAG	TTA	TGA	AGC	TTG	TTT	TTG	GGA	CCC	AAA	CGA
	CAA	TCA	GCT	GAA	GCT	TCG	TAC	GC				
YMR032w-S2				AGT						CGA	GAT	CAA
	ļ			GGC								
YMR093w-S1				GCT					ATC	ACT	TCG	AAG
				GAA					2 2 00	CITE 3	G 3 FF	
YMR093w-S2				TTC						GTA	GAT	TCA
YMR131c-S1				GGC CCT						ΔΟΔ	א ידי א	ייייי ע
IMAISIC-BL				GAA					CAA	ACA	AIA	AII
YMR131c-S2	1			AGG					AAG	ATA	GAG	TGG
	1			GGC								
YMR185w-S1				CAC						AGA	CCG	AAG
	CTC	A CA	GCT	GAA	GCT	тсз	TAC	GC				
YMR185w-S2	GTA	ATG	GGT	TAT	AAA	CTA	TCT	AGT	ACG	GTT	AAA	AGC
	TTG	TGC	ATA	GGC	CAC	TAG	TGG	ATC	TG			
YMR212c-S1	CCT	CTT	GAA	CTT	AAA	GAA	TGT	AAA	TCT	TCA	TTT	GCG
				GAA								
YMR212c-S2				TTC						AAA	CTG	GTC
	1			GGC								
YMR213w-S1				AGG					CAA	TGT	GGA	GGA
77770010 GO				GAA GTT					CITITE .	mmc	א יייייי	CCA
YMR213w-S2	1			GGC						116	AII	GGA
YMR218c-S1	1			GCA						СТА	CAA	СТТ
TIME TOO DI	1			GAA						02	0	
YMR218c-S2	1 .			TGA					AAC	GGT	TAA	CAG
	1			GGC								
YMR281w-S1	CTG	AAG	AAA	AGT	TAA	ATG	AAG	ATG	TTG	AGG	CGT	ACA
	AAG	G CA	GCT	GAA	GCT	TCG	TAC	GC				
YMR281w-S2	AGT	ACG	TAT	TGT	GCA	TGT	GTA	TTC	ATA	AGT	GAA	AGC
				GGC								
YMR288w-S1	i			CAG					CGT	ATT	GGT	GAG
	<u> </u>			GAA								
YMR288w-S2	1			CTA						CAT	GTG	GTG
TDCD000 55				GGC						Omm.	mmm	CC3
YMR290c-S1				CGT					GGC	G1"I'	TTT	CCA
YMR290c-S2				GAA AGC					ΔCA	ልርጥ	<u>አ</u> ጥር	GCT
IMR2300-52				GGC						1101	1119	001
YMR211w-S1				ACC						TCT	TCA	ATA
	ļ			GAA								
YMR211w-S2				ATC					TCA	GGT	TCG	GAA
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	Gene deletions on chromosome 4
Name	Sequence 5'-3'
YDR196c-S1	ATG CTT ATG ATC AAA TTG TGT TAT ACT TCA AGG ACA
	AAA TCA GCT GAA GCT TCG TAC GC
YDR196c-S2	TTT CAA TCT GTT CGT ATA AGT CAA CCA ATG TGC TG
	TAT TGC ATA GGC CAC TAG TGG ATC TG
YDR299w-S1	ATG GAA AAA TCA CTA GCG GAT CAA ATT TCC GAT ATG
	GCC ACA GCT GAA GCT TCG TAC GC
YDR299w-S2	CAA AGA TTT GGA TAT CAT CGT TTT TAA CAG CCT CTA
	ATT CGC ATA GGC CAC TAG TGG ATC TG
YDR365c-S1	CTG GAG AGA ACC CAA AGA AGG AAG GTG TAG ATG CT
VDD26Ea C2	GGT TCA GCT GAA GCT TCG TAC GC TTA GTA TGC TTT TTA TTA ACA GAT TTC AAC TTG CT
YDR365c-S2	TTC TGC ATA GGC CAC TAG TGG ATC TG
YDR396w-S1	CAG ATA CAC TAT TGT GGT GTA ATC TGG ACC TTG AC
IDK390W-BI	GTC TOA GOT GAA GCT TOG TAD GC
YDR396w-S2	TAG AGA AAA CAC TGA ATG ATC TTA GCG ACC GTA CA
	AAG AGC ATA GGC CAC TAG TGG ATC TG
YDR407c-S1	TTC TTA AGC ATT TCC CAA GCT ATG TTG GCC CAT CT.
	AGA TOA GOT GAA GOT TOG TAG GO
YDR407c-S2	AAT AAC AGA CAA GAT AAC GTT TTC AGA GTC GAA CT
	GAT TGC ATA GGC CAC TAG TGG ATC TG
YDR416w-S1	ACT TAC ATG GAA AAG ATA TAT CGA GTA TTG GAA AG
	GGA GCT GAA GCT TCG TAC GC
YDR416w-S2	TCA AAT ATC TAG TTC TAT TTC ATC TGG ATT AAT CG.
	ATA TGC ATA GGC CAC TAG TGG ATC TG
YDR449c-S1	CAC ATC ACC GAT TTC TAA TAA TGT CGA AGA CAA GA
YDR449c-S2	ACT ACA GCT GAA GCT TCG TAC GC ATA ATT AAA TCT AGA ATT TTA TAC CTA GGA TCA TC
1DR449C-52	TCT GGC ATA GGC CAC TAG TGG ATC TG
YDR141c-S1	TTC GTA ATC TTT GAA TTC TGC GAT TTC ATC TAC CA
IDRITIC DI	CGC GCA GCT GAA GCT TCG TAC GC
YDR141c-S2	CAC TAA AGC CCC TTA CAA TTG ACT CAA ATA ATA AA
	AAC TGG ATA GGC CAC TAG TGG ATG TG
YDR324c-S1	AAG AAG CCT GAA AAT ACG AAA CAA ACC GGT GAA GA
	GAC CCA GCT GAA GCT TCG TAC GC
YDR324c-S2	AAA CACTAA CTT TGG TTG AAT AAA CGC CTT TTG TT
	GGA GGC ATA GGC CAC TAG TGG ATC TG
YDR325w-S1	GAC ATT AAT ACG AAA ATC TTT AAC TCA GTT GCT GA
	GTA TCA GCT GAA GCT TCG TAC GC
YDR325w-S2	ACC TCG CTG AAA GAC TCT GAA TCC TTA TCT TCT
11222200	TCT AGC ATA GGC CAC TAG TGG ATC TG
YDR398w-S1	ATG GAT TCT CCT GTT CTA CAG TCC GCT TAT GAC CC
VDD 3 0 0r	TCA GCA GCT GAA GCT TCG TAC GC AAC GTC ACT ATA TCC GGC TTC CTC CTC GCC GTC GC
YDR398w-S2	CTG CGC ATA GGC CAC TAG TGG ATC TG
	TOTA COU ATA OUC CAC TAG TOG ATC TO

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YDR246w-S1	ATG	GCC	ATC	GAA	ACA	ATA	CTT	GTA	ATA	AAC	AAA	TCA
	GGC	G CA	GCT	GAA	GCT	TCG	TAC	GC				
YDR246w-S2	AAC	AGG	TTA	GAT	CTT	ATA	GGC	ATT	TCC	ATT	GAG	TAA
	GAT	G GC	ATA		CAC							
YDR236c-S1	CTA	AAA	TAT	TGA	ACT	TGA	CCC	TGG	CCC	CAT	AAA	AAT
	1				GCT							
YDR236c-S2									CTA	TTT	ATG	TTT
	i .				CAC							
YDR361c-S2	ł								CAA	TTC	ATC	GAT
	1				CAC					222	333	ma c
YDR361c-S1									TTT	AAA	AAA	IAG
****** G1					GCT				ACC	א ייייי	TCC	A CT
YDR367w-S1					GCT				ACC	WII	100	ACI
YDR367w-S2		TTG	TTC						AAC	тδδ	ΔΨΔ	ԴԴԴ
IDK36/W-52					CAC					Inn	ALA	
YDR339c-S1									AAA	GTT	TGG	CCT
IDR339C-BI	ĺ				GCT							
YDR339c-S2									ATG	ACG	TAT	GCG
IBROSSE BE					CAC							
YDR413c-S1	<u> </u>	TTT							TTT	TGG	TCA	AAT
•	ATC	T CA	GCT	GAA	GCT	TCG	TAC	GC				
YDR413c-S2	ACA	AAA	GAA	AGC	ACA	AGA	GTT	TAT	TAA	GGA	GCA	GGA
	AAG	\mathbf{G} GC	ATA	GGC	CAC	TAG	TGG	ATC	TG			
YDR429c-S1	TCT	AGA	TCT	ATC	ATT	ACA	TAC	AAG	ATT	GAA	GAC	GGT
	GTC	A CA	GCT		GCT							
YDR429c-S2	TTT	CTT	TGT						CTC	TTG	GAA	TGG
	GTG	C GC			CAC							
YDR468c-S1									ATC	AAG	AGG	AGG
	1				GCT				י אריא	አርን	እጥሮ	CTC
YDR468c-S2					CAC				' ACA	ACA	AIC	GIC
VDD 400 G1	1								ATA	GTG	CCT	TCG
YDR489w-S1					GCT				nin	010	001	100
YDR489w-S2									CGC	TAC	CTT	CTG
1DR409W-52					CAC							
YDR527w-S1	į.								GAG	AAA	GAT	ACA
	1				GCT							
YDR527w-S2	CCC	CAC	CGC	CTT	' GTT	TCC	ATA	ACC	AAA	GTG	CAT	CAA
	TAG	C GC	ATA	GGC	CAC	TAG	TGG	ATC	TG			
YDR288w-S1	ATG	AGT	TCT	ATA	GAT	LAA	GAC	AGC	GAT	GTG	GAT	TTA
					GCT							
YDR288w-S2	1								TTC	AAG	AGA	CTC
	TAG	TGC	ATA	GGC	CAC	TAG	TGG	ATC	TG			

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Name	Seq	uenc	e 5'	-3'								
YDR201w-S1		ATG C CA	TCT GCT						TCA	TCG	TCA	TCC
YDR201w-S2	1	AGC	GTT ATA	TTC GGC	CGT CAC	TTA TAG				TAT	GAT	GTT
YDR434w-S1	ATG TGC	TCC TCA				CTA TCG			TGG	GTI	GGT	TTT
YDR434w-S2	TAA GAA	AGG G GC	TAA ATA	ATA GGC	CAC CAC					CTC	TTG	TGG
YDR181c-S1	!	ATA TCA							CTA	AGG	AAA	TCT _
YDR181c-S2	TAG CTT	TTG TGC		TTG GGC						AGA	ACA	TTG
YDR531w-S1	ATG GAT			ATT GAA					TCT	TAC	AAT	TGC
YDR531w-S2	AAA AAT			ATT GGC						GAG	ATG	GCG

	Gen	e de	elet:	ions	on (chro	mosom	ne 12	2			
Name	Sequ	ienc	e 5'	-3'			- ,	<u>-</u>				
YLR186w-S1	CTA	GTC	ACC	AAG	AAG	AAA	ACC	CGT	AAA	ATC	GTA	GGT
	CAT	GCA	GCT	GAA	GCT	TCG	TAC	GC				
YLR186w-S2	ATA									AAC	ACT	ATA
	AAA											
YLR215c-S1	}								ATA	TAC	AAC	TTT
	TAT											mam
YLR215c-S2	AGC									CTA	GCT	TCT
YLR222c-S1	ACG									ma C	AAT	ATIC
ILRZZZC-SI				GAA					ACG	IAC	AAI	AIG
YLR222c-S2	i								ΨΨΔ	TCA	ACC	СТТ
				GGC						1 011		
YLR243w-S1	1									GGA	CCT	GCA
	i			GAA								
YLR243w-S2	GAT	AAT	ATG	GTT	TCT	ATA	CTG	TCA	GGA	TTA	TTA	GAT
	TCC	A GC	ATA	GGC	CAC	TAG	TGG	ATC	TG			
YLR272c-S1	TTT	GGG	TCT	CGC	ACT	TTC	TCA	GTC	TTC	CAA	CTA	ATT
	TCT	CCA	GCT	GAA	GCT	TCG	TAC	GC				
YLR272c-S2										TGT	CCG	GCT
				GGC								
YLR275w-S1									ATC	TTA	ACC	ATT
				GAA						3.573	- COMM	ma c
YLR275w-S2				GGC						ATA	GTT	TAC
YLR276c-S1	1									TCC	CTT	ልርጥ
1LR2/6C-51				GAA					CII	100	CII	ACI
YLR276c-S2	1								GGC	GCT	TAT	ATT
1222700 52				GGC								
YLR317w-S1	1									TTC	TTT	CTT
	GAT	G CA	GCT	GAA	GCT	TCG	TAC	GC				
YLR317w-S2	GAA	GTA	AAC	TAA	CTA	GTA	AAG	TAG	GCT	AAT	TCG	AAA
	CGA	$\mathbf{T} \mathbb{G} \mathbb{C}$	ATA	GGC	CAC	TAG	TGG	ATC	TG			
YLR359w-S1	GGC	TAT	TGC	TGA	GAA	GGA	ATT	GGG	CTT	AAC	TGT	TGT
	1			GAA								
YLR359w-S2	1									TTT	TGG	AAA
	!			GGC								man
YLR373c-S1									GAG	GAT	TGG	TGT
VI D272 - C2	ł			GAA					CTC	دس ۷	TGG	AAC
YLR373c-S2	1			GGC						CIA	1 00	DAA
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Claims:

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- 1.-A method for the screening of antimycotic substances wherein an essential gene from mycetes or a functionally similar mycete gene, or the corresponding encoded protein, is used as target and wherein the essential gene is selected from the group consisting in YLR215d, YLR222d, YLR243w, YLR172c, YM1/14c, YLR186w, YLR317w, YLR359w, YLR373c, YLR424w, YLE275w, YLR276c, YML093w, YLE437c, YLE440c, YML023c, YML049c, YML077w,] + : YMRO12c, YML127w, YMR032w, YMR093w, YMR131c, YMR185w, YMR211w, YMR281w, YMR288w, YMR290c, YMR213w, YMR218c, YDR1960, YDR299w, YDR3650, YDR396w, YMR049d, YMR134w, YDR141c, YDR407c, YDR416w, YDR449c, YDR470w, YDR499w, YDE304d, YDE325w, YDR398w, YDR246w, YDR236c, YER361c, YDR413c, YDR429d, YDR468d, YDE489w, YDRE67w, YDR339c, YDR201w, YDR434w, YDR181c, YDR531w, YDR527w, YDR288w, YPL063w, YPL024w, YPL020c, YFL012w, YPL126w, YPL093w, YFL146c, YIL091c, YIL083c, YIL019w, YPL007c, YPL233w, YFL024c, YFR003c, YFR027w, YFR042w, 20 YIL109c, YIL104c, YIR010w, YIR015w, YPR048w, YPR072w, YPR082c, YPR085c, YPR105c, YPR112c, YPR137w, YPR143w, YPR144c and YPR169w.
- 2.-The method of claim 1 wherein mydete cells which express the essential gene, or a functionally similar mydete gene, to a different level are incubated with the substance to be tested and the growth inhibiting effect of the substance is determined.
- 30 3.-The method of claim 1 wherein said target gene or the corresponding target encoded protein is contacted in vitro with the substance to be tested and the effect of the substance on the target is determined.
- 4.-The method according to any one of claims 1-3 wherein the screened substances partially or totally inhibit the functional expression of the essential genes or the functional activity of the encoded proteins.

5.-The method according to any one of claims 1-4 wherein the mycete species are selected from the group comprising Basidiomycetes, Ascomycetes and Hyphomycetes.

- 6.- The method according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein said functionally similar genes are essential genes from Candida Spp, or Aspergillus Spp.
- 7.- The method according to claim 6, wherein said functionally similar genes are essential genes from Candida albicans, or Aspergillus fumigatus.
- 8.- The method according to any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein the functionally similar genes are identified by:
- a)providing a S.cerevisiae mutant strain in which the gene of S.cerevisiae to be investigated is either integrative or extrachromosomal under the control of a regulated promoter,
- b) culturing said mutant strain under growth conditions in which the regulated promoter is active,
- c)transforming the mutant strain with cDNA or genomic DNA that has been prepared from the mycete-species to investigate and that has been integrated into an appropriate vector,
- d)altering the culture condition, so that the regulated promoter is switched off and only S.cerevisiae cells which contain a functionally similar gene can survive,
 - e) isolating and analyzing the cDNA or genomic DNA.
- 9.- The method according to claim 8 wherein the functionally similar gene has a sequence identity, at the nucleotide level, with the corresponding S.cerevisiae essential gene of at least 50%, preferably of at least 60%, and most preferably of at least 70%.
- 10.- The method according to claim 8 wherein the functionally similar gene encodes a protein having a sequence identity, at the amino-acid level, with the

corresponding S.cerevisiae essential gene encoded protein of at least 40%, preferably of at least 50%, more preferably of at least 60% and most preferably of at least 70%.

- 11.- The method according to any one of claims 1-10 wherein said mycete cells are haploid S.cerevisiae cells.
- or 11 wherein the essential genes of S.cerevisiae are identified by integration through homologous recombination of a selection marker at the locus of the gene to be studied.

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